

SENATE BILL 1775

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 17, relative to judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1350, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (d) as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (d)(2):

(2) For purposes of this section, “law enforcement officer” also means judges, including judges of courts of general sessions, judges of juvenile courts, judges and chancellors of any court of record in this state, and retired judges and chancellors, who comply with all of the following requirements:

(A) The judge must be authorized to carry a weapon by § 39-17-1351 — § 39-17-1360; and

(B) The judge must complete, at the judge's expense, the firearms component of the of the Basic Law Enforcement Course that is included within the minimum curricula requirements for police officer certification as established in the rules of the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission pursuant to title 38, chapter 8.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1306, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (3) to subsection (c):

(3) Is in the actual discharge of official duties as a judge, has completed the training required by § 39-17-1350(d)(2), and is vested with judicial powers under § 16-1-101.

SECTION 3. The Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission shall establish by rule an appropriate fee to charge judges who attempt the firearms component of the Basic Law Enforcement Course of the In-Service Training Requirements for police officers. The fee shall be sufficient to defray all costs of participation in such training.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.